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Baltimore City Civilian Review Board
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2024
Place: Enabled by Zoom
6:00-8:00 pm

I. Welcome & call to order 6:05 Recording in progress

- Natalie Novak, Chair, Northern District
- Sgt. Angel Batey, Public Integrity Bureau
- Amy Cruice, ACLU of MD
- Nicole Chang, NAACP
- Caron Watkins, Interim Director, OECR
- Lisa Kelly, Chief of Investigations, OECR
- Robin Drummond, OECR
- Terrie Lewis, Complainant Advocate, OECR

II. Review and approval of agenda

- Chair Novak approved the agenda.

III. Review and approval of minutes

- May 15, 2024 minutes were approved by Chair Novak.

IV. Director's Report

- Interim Director Watkins
 - She provided an update on vacancies
 - Nominees have been submitted
 - OECR is actively recruiting
 - Social Media posts are being done.
- Chief Kelly
 - OECR is marching in the pride block party on June 15th.
 - OECR is providing a table at the pride block party.
- Chief Kelly responded to the CRB requests.
 - Chief Kelly asked for the name of the additional category to be added to the Director's Report at the next meeting.
 - # open CRB cases – 2 completed investigations that need the Board's determination (one expires in August and one expires in November), 3 new CRB complaints that need the Board's review
 - Statutes of limitations for the cases – 2 cases (one expires in August and the other in November), the year expiration dates are being observed
 - OECR'S intake process for CRB complaints since March. Chief Kelly responded that OECR has been holding new CRB complaints for Board Review because there needs to be a quorum to conduct its business.
- Amy Cruice

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- Amy Cruice asked about the status of Board nominees. Director Watkins responded that it is very soon, possibility in a month.
- When would there be a meeting for the 1st reader
- She noted hearing that a Board of 1 is not quorum – as the chair and sole member she asked if Chair Novak can come up with transparent or collaborative ways to deliberate on the cases. She said it was new to her.
- Director Watkins responded that she is working with MOGR and she is researching and will consult with the law department.
- Director Watkins stated that she would like get some members sworn in to allow for a quorum. Due to the timing of swearing-in, she explains that having a Board of one is not quorum.
- Chief Kelly responded that OECR is moving through this process now to get board members in place.
- Amy Cruice responded that she would like to get the 4 nominees on board and to get through these cases. She is hoping that they are in place within a month and that CRB can hold off for now.
- Chair Novak is concerned about the August case expiring because of the process. She would like to put the August expiring case on the Agenda to review and in case they need more information.
 - MOGR
 - Director Watkins is fine with this process.
 - She stated that it is a priority.
 - Action: The case will be added to the July Meeting for discussion and review.
 - Director will get the legal opinion to know how to operate in this case.
- Statistical Data (Attached)
- Chair Novak noted for the record that after the April Meeting
 - Chair Novak said that the hopeful date was to have the candidates on City Council agenda for first reader by May 15th
 - May 21st the candidates had been forwarded to MOGR on May 16th and then May 31st.
 - She is concerned about the timeline and the new candidates being put in place before the case expires.
 - Action: She is requesting that OECR informs her on July 10th to ask whether or not the candidates are on the agenda for first reader.

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- She wanted to meet with Megan Mishou because she had provided complaint data. Action: Director Watkins and Chief Kelly will follow-up.
- She wanted to ask for funds to allow CRB has the opportunity to send someone to the NACOLE Conference.
- Director Watkins responded and confirmed that there were several people forwarding information to Chair Novak regarding the process. She gave clarity to the process.
- One member of CRB, one member of ACC, and three members of PAB will be able to go to NACOLE and some members of OECR staff.

V. **New Complaints**

- Chair Novak noted that there were no new complaints.

VI. **Completed Cases**

- Chair Novak noted that there were no completed cases.

VII. **Public Comment**

- No public comments.

VIII. **Old Business – Chief Kelly**

- Review of the case management tracking system.
- Megan Mishou is leaving and OECR has a recording of the training.
- Chief Kelly would be able to provide the recording.
- Chair Novak would like to wait until there are other members onboard.
- Chief Kelly suggested a closed 15-minute session to record the process by the investigator. Action: She will provide this training in August.

IX. **New Business**

- Chair Novak asked if there was any new business.
- Chair Novak summarized the action items.

X. **Adjournment**

- Chair Novak ended the meeting at 6:38pm.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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STATISTICAL DATA

Table 1 CRB Statistical Data

Metrics	May	2024 Total
Number of collaborative meetings, forums, and presentations convened between the community and the Civilian Review Board	2	12
Number of investigations completed	0	4
Number of Cases Closed by the Board	0	4
Number of Cases with Sustained Allegations	0	1
Number of CRB Intakes	3	16
Number of Complaint Notifications from IAD	3	18